

ISACA and GMV, cycle of technical chats: setting up an ISMS, what comes next?

Jointly with the ISACA chapter of the Valencia Region, GMV gave a paper called "Setting up an ISMS: What Comes Next?" in the Cycle of Technical Chats

Madrid, 3 October 2007.- On 27 September last ISACA-CV, the Valencia chapter of ISACA, the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, presented the 3rd Technical Chat of the 2007 cycle in the *Universidad Politécnica de Valencia*. ISACA, founded in 1969 as the EDP Auditors Association, is the recognized worldwide leader in IT Governance; it boasts over 65,000 members in 140 different countries (144 members in the Valencia Region). It is currently responsible for CISA and CISM certification, now granted to over 50,000 and 7000 professionals respectively. It is also responsible for the new CGEIT certification as well as COBIT. The paper, given by Javier Megias, Manager of GMV's East Coast Office, touched on the classic ISMS-related subjects, such as its objectives, main components and benefits for the organizations concerned. Less typically it also dealt with a hitherto largely ignored aspect: What next once the ISMS is up and running? His paper stressed the life cycle of controls, budgetary alignment and the security business, as well as taxonomies and tips to ensure that the system is easily manageable, an aspect closely bound up with balanced scorecards and metrics.

Security management is now here to stay and many new companies are embracing the concept. GMV's approach sheds new light on the subject and is bound to be of interest to these newcomers and to the professional consultancy and auditing sectors. These conferences represent the beginning of collaboration between the local ISACA chapter and GMV on information security issues.

GMV-SGI is thus forging new bonds and confirming its position of leadership in the security-management and ISMS-implementation field. This blossoming field has become a strategic concern for companies of the Valencia region, attracting more and more attention and looming large in their budget plans for 2008.

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